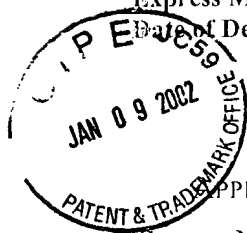


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1. Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (2 pages), in duplicate;
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3. Copies of cited references B1-B2 and C54-C59; and
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If the enclosed papers are considered incomplete, the Mail Room and/or the Application Branch is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at (617) 542-6000, Boston, Massachusetts.

Although we believe that we have appropriately provided for any fees due in connection with this submission, the Commissioner is authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any deficiencies to the undersigned's account Deposit Account No. 50-0311 (Reference No. 15966-703 (Cura-203)). A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is enclosed.

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This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the mailing date of the Invitation to Pay Additional Fees for PCT application PCT/US01/07116 that corresponds to the above-referenced application. Accordingly, no fee or certification is believed required at this time.

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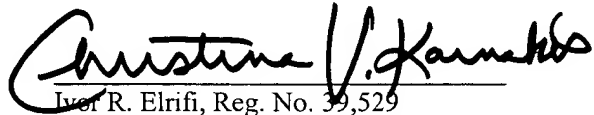
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